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Weekly Bulletin Sunday September 16, 2007 – Sunday September 23, 2007

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint

40th Anniversary Celebration


October 27, 2007
Woodfield Country Club
1000 Woodfield Dr.
Grand Blanc Michigan 48439
Dinner-Hafli (Dance)
Entertainment: Usama Baalbaki

Dinner & Hafli Tickets- \$50.00 per person
Hafli Only Tickets- \$30.00 per person
Cocktail Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm
Hafli 9:00 until ?

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint has been serving the community and worldwide organizations for 40 years.

Please join us in celebration of this great milestone.

Contact: Victoria Zerka-Linden for tickets
Phone Number: (810)-577-7273



The American Friends of
Notre Dame University- Louaize (AFNDUL)

cordially invite you to attend the

2007 AFNDUL FALL BANQUET

Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm
(Seating starts at 6:00 pm)

Saint Sharbel Church Hall
31601 Schoenherr Road
Warren, MI 48088

Ticket Price is \$35
(includes three-course meal, wine, soft drinks and entertainment)
B.Y.O.B.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call one of the following numbers:
(734) 432-5428
(734) 454-4255
(248) 703-6962

Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

Parish Staff

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary
Darrell Frye – Maintenance
Pat Haley – Caterer

Parish Leaders

Albert Zerka – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Liturgy Schedule

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| Monday | 9a.m. |
| Tuesday | 9a.m. |
| Wednesday | 9a.m. |
| Thursday | 9a.m. |
| Friday | 12noon |
| Saturday | 5p.m. |
| Sunday | 10a.m. |
| 2 nd Sunday of the month | 10a.m. (English) 12noon (Arabic) |

Adoration

Friday 11a.m.

Confessions

½ hour before liturgy on
Saturday and Sunday and
by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

Sick calls, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Nadeem Gebrael
Eddie Rashid
Nadia Sob

Marge Okal
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm

Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 16: 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr

10A.M: (2Tin 2:1-10; Mk 10:35-45) Reader: Karl Moon
- Rep. Wadad Anthony by Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Moussa & Elaine Joubran by Family

MONDAY 17: St. Sophia & her Three Daughters, Martyrs

- Rep. Tom LaBranch by Josie Knight

TUESDAY 18:

- Rep. Mike Rizik by Jane Mullally

WEDNESDAY 19:

- NO MASS

THURSDAY 20:

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 21:

12NOON

- Health of Eddie Sidelar by Mary Ann Sheehan

SATURDAY 22: St. Phocas & Companions, Martyr

5PM

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Anthony & Jill Walterhouse and Family

SUNDAY 23: 2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Padre Pio, Confessor

10A.M: (1Cor 15:19-34; Mt 24:1-14) Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Maroun Family by Sam

SUNDAY 30: 3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Gregory the Illuminator, Martyr

10A.M: (1Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24:23-31) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Joe Ferris by Sue Stubbart

Weekly Contributions

August 19: \$1939
August 26: \$3128
September 2: \$2336
September 9: \$2159



Altar Server Schedule

September 23: Team 4
September 30: Team 1
October 7: Team 2



Announcements

Fr. Jihad will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty.

There will be an Altar Boy meeting on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 10am. If you have any questions please see Fr. Jihad or Johnny Solomon.

On Sunday, October 7, 2007 we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary to the priesthood of the Most Reverend Gregory Mansour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am and following mass there will be a brunch in his honor. All are invited.

Congratulations to the following people who were winners in this year's Cruise Raffle.

Sam Solomon \$2500, Phil, Duane & Bob \$200, Josie Knight \$100, Joan Armbruster \$50, M. G. Zerka \$50, Feryal Joubran \$50, Prescott, Spencer & Kennedy Myers \$50

The winners of five lottery tickets were: Thomas Hermiz, Elie Damouni, Dee Gardner, Phil Fares, Randy Lauria, Greg & Dad

Congratulations and thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

A Special Thank You

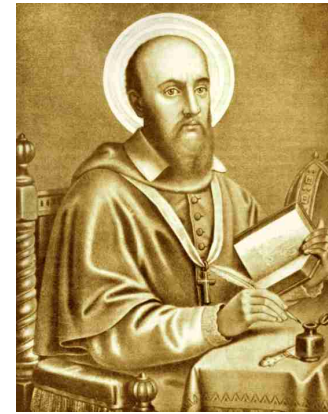
Our Lady of Lebanon,
Thank you so much for everything. Your love, generosity, prayers and support mean so much to me. You are my family and all of you have played a part of my life. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine. God Bless.

Your Son,
Tony Massad



Church cleaning
for the Month of
September:
Diane Massad

St. Phocas Martyr



St. Phocas the Martyr was greatly to be admired for his simplicity, according to what Surius relates. He cultivated a little garden, less to provide food for himself, than to supply with vegetables and fruit those travelers and pilgrims who had heard of his liberality, and stopped at his house; for no one ever knocked at his door, who was not received with great charity and courtesy.

This holy man was denounced for aiding and abetting Christians, to the governor of the province, who, resolving upon his death, sent soldiers privately in search of him, with orders to kill him. They arrived, one evening, at his house, not knowing that it was his, entered it, and, with the usual freedom of soldiery, demanded food. According to his custom, he received them willingly and kindly, and gave them what little he had. He served them, too, at his table, with so much charity and courtesy that they were delighted and captivated, and said between themselves that they had never met such a good-hearted man. And so, they were led by his great simplicity and candor to ask him with confidence, whether he knew anything of a certain Phocas, who helped and harbored Christians, and upon whose death the imperial prefect had resolved. The Saint replied that he knew him very well, and that he would willingly point him out to them, so that they might go to rest quietly, without further inquiry, for on the next day, he would show them an easy way of capturing him.

He then spent the whole night in fervent prayer, and, when it was day, he went to visit the soldiers, and bid them good morning, with his usual cordiality. They answered by reminding him of his promise to deliver up Phocas, whom they were seeking. "Do not doubt," he returned, "that I will find him for you. Consider that you have him already in your hands." "Let us go, then, and take him," they answered. "There is no need of going," replied, "for he is here present. I am he. Do with me

what you please." At these words, the soldiers were amazed and stupefied, both on account of the great charity with which he had welcomed them, and of the ingenious sincerity with which he revealed himself to his persecutors, when he could so easily have escaped death by fleeing in the night. They gazed at each other in amazement, and neither of them dared to lay hands on one who had been so kind to them. They were more inclined to give him his life, and to report to the prefect that after long search they had not been able to discover Phocas. "No," said the Saint, "my death would be a less evil than to concoct such a fiction, and tell such a falsehood. Execute, then, the order you have received." So saying, he bared his neck, and extended it to the soldiers, who severed it with one stroke, and gave him the glorious crown of Martyrdom.

This most candid fidelity was so agreeable to God that He immediately began, and still continues, to signalize it by illustrious miracles, especially in favor of pilgrims and sailors, to whom, in death as in life, the Saint has been most liberal of benefits and miraculous helps. In recognition of this, a custom came into use among travelers by sea, of serving to him every day at meals a part of the first dish, which was called the portion of St. Phocas. This was each day bought by one or other of the voyagers, and the price deposited in the hands of the captain; and when they came into port, the money was distributed among the poor, in thanksgiving to their benefactor for their successful voyage.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

7 Bishop Gregory's Anniversary
7 Breakfast with St. George's Parish
27 Ladies Cedars Club Anniversary Hafli
28 Altar Society Harvest Dinner

NOVEMBER

23 MYO Retreat